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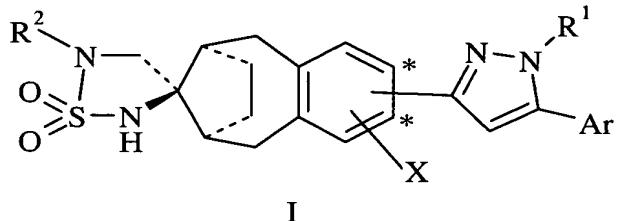
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Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Original) A compound of formula I:



wherein the pyrazole group is attached at one of the positions indicated by an asterisk and X is attached at a position adjacent thereto;

X represents H, OH, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, Cl or F;

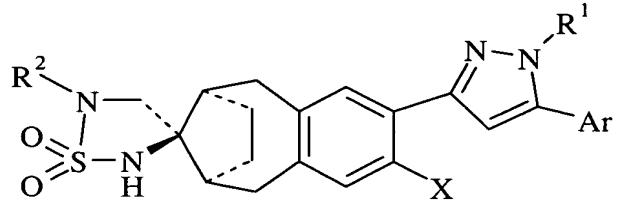
Ar represents phenyl or 6-membered heteroaryl, either of which bears 0-3 substituents independently selected from halogen, CF<sub>3</sub>, CHF<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>F, NO<sub>2</sub>, CN, OCF<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl and C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy;

R<sup>1</sup> represents a hydrocarbon group of 1-5 carbon atoms which is optionally substituted with up to 3 halogen atoms; and

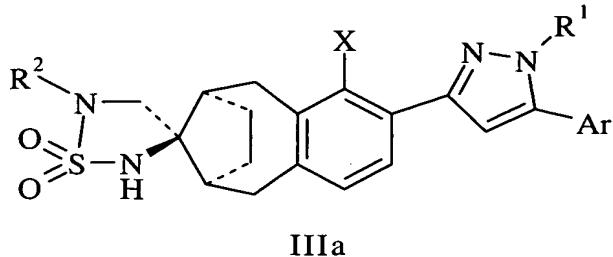
R<sup>2</sup> represents H or a hydrocarbon group of 1-10 carbon atoms which is optionally substituted with up to 7 halogen atoms;

provided that when X is H, R<sup>2</sup> does not represent 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl;  
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 2 (Original) A compound according to claim 1 of formula IIa:



or formula IIIa:



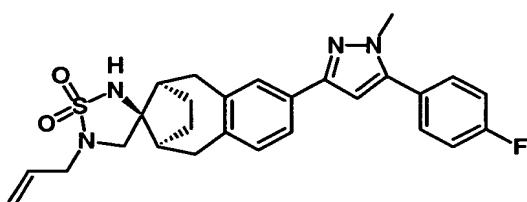
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

**Claim 3 (Currently Amended)** A compound according to any previous claim 1 wherein Ar represents phenyl, monohalophenyl, dihalophenyl, trihalophenyl, cyanophenyl, methylphenyl, methoxyphenyl, trifluoromethylphenyl, trifluoromethoxyphenyl, pyridyl, monohalopyridyl and trifluoromethylpyridyl, wherein “halo” refers to fluoro or chloro.

**Claim 4 (Currently Amended)** A compound according to any previous claim 1 wherein  $\text{R}^2$  represents H, benzyl, or alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl or cycloalkylalkyl of up to 6 carbon atoms, or benzyl, and optionally bears up to 5 fluorine substituents.

**Claim 5 (Original)** A compound according to claim 2 wherein X is H,  $\text{R}^1$  is methyl, Ar is 4-fluorophenyl and  $\text{R}^2$  is selected from H, benzyl, n-propyl, 2,2-dimethylpropyl, n-butyl, isopropyl, t-butyl, 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl, 2,2-difluoroethyl, 2,2,3,3,3-pentafluoropropyl, 3,3,3-trifluoropropyl, allyl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl and cyclopropylmethyl.

**Claim 6 (Original)** The compound of formula:



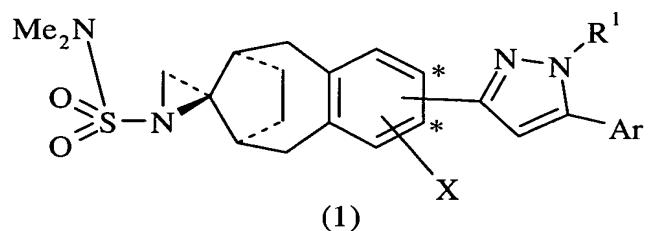
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

**Claim 7 (Currently Amended)** A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to any previous claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claims 8-9 (Cancelled)

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) A method of treatment of a subject suffering from or prone to Alzheimer's disease which comprises administering to that subject an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 any of claims 1-6.

Claim 11 (Original) A process for preparing a compound according to claim 1 in which R<sup>2</sup> is other than H comprising reaction of a compound of formula (1):



with R<sup>2a</sup>NH<sub>2</sub>;

where the pyrazole group is attached at one of the positions indicated by an asterisk and X is attached at a position adjacent thereto;

R<sup>2a</sup> is R<sup>2</sup> that is other than H;

and X and Ar, R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are as defined in claim 1.